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THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

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Serial No. 09/158,076

Group Art Unit: 2611

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Examiner: Lonsberry, Hunter B.

For: LOCAL AREA INFORMATION TERMINAL DEVICE

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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed October 1, 2002, and having a period for response set to expire on January 1, 2003. A Petition for a one-month extension of time, together with the requisite fee for same, is submitted herewith, thereby extending the period for response to February 3, 2003 (February 1, 2003 being a Saturday). Therefore, this Amendment is timely filed by February 3, 2003.

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

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**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please REPLACE claims 1, 4, and 6 as follows, and add new claims 10-17 as follows:

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1. (AS TWICE AMENDED) A local area information terminal comprising:
- a file storing unit storing a file previously created;
  - a channel retrieving unit retrieving a free channel among broadcasting channels allocated to respective frequency bandwidths;
  - a channel selecting unit making, when there exist a plurality of free channels, a transmitter select a free channel starting from a lower-number channel; and